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Interagency Fire Organization Plans to Burn Horse Valley

Depending on weather conditions, the Bureau of Land Management will begin to implement the Horse Valley Cooperative Burn on or near October 6, 2005. The prescribed burn is located just south of Circleville, east of Hwy 89 where the Powell District of the Dixie National Forest has been burning adjacent to the project area over the last several years. The BLM wants to mitigate the hazardous fuel load accumulation in this area by applying prescribed fire.

There will be 75 plus personnel on site throughout the burn, and up to three helicopters with aerial ignition equipment to generate the desired fire behavior, and if needed, suppression activities.

The plan is to burn 3000-6000 acres over several days. Aggressive fire behavior and smoky conditions are expected through the duration of the burn.

The project is designed to improve wildlife habitat, water quality, vegetative composition, and reduce hazardous fuel accumulation. The fire will create mosaic patterns of burned and unburned vegetation.

Portions of the Piute and Freemont ATV Trails will be closed October 5th through October 10th during the burn.

For questions and concerns about the Horse Valley Prescribed Burn, please call (435) 590-5388 or (435) 865-3032.